11   input invoice having corresponding items on said

12   previously received invoices;

13   means, responsive to an input invoice having an item

14   with a net sum greater than zero, for communicating a

15   duplicate invoice rejection message back to said

16   vendor; and

17   means, responsive to an input invoice having no item

18   with a net sum greater than zero, for posting said

19   input invoice to said accounts payable database.

IN THE ABSTRACT

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REMARKS

PREPROCESSOR SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR REJECTION OF DUPLICATE INVOICES

Abstract of the Disclosure

5   An accounts payable system in which invoices submitted by electronic data interchange (EDI) are audited for duplicate invoices prior to them being entered into the production database, or environment. Pre-processor logic audits, identifies and returns electronically duplicate transmissions. At this pre-processor level, all inbound invoices are sorted in credit/debit sequence. Invoices are posted (committed to the production accounts payable environment; that is, to the accounts payable data base) one at a time so purchase order history is current for each evaluation. Inbound invoices are sorted by credit/debit. Only debits are audited.

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